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## Man Charged with Rape of Two Victims Following DNA “Cold Hit”

A 33-year-old man has been charged with rape following a sexual assault investigation that led to the discovery of a second victim through a “cold hit” notification in the statewide DNA database, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office announced today.

William Rodriguez (dob 11/1/85) is expected to be arraigned Thursday in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Rodriguez is charged with two counts of forcible rape in case BA479467 with a special allegation of multiple victims. The case was filed for arrest warrant on July 16.

Deputy District Attorney Ann Marie Wise of the Justice System Integrity Division said the most recent assault occurred on Nov. 1, 2018. The defendant is accused of sexually assaulting a female acquaintance at his home, the prosecutor said.

The investigation into the latter case uncovered a second, unsolved sexual assault from 2015 when the defendant’s DNA was entered into the state’s DNA database prompting a “cold hit” notification. That assault involved another female victim who allegedly was raped under similar circumstances.

Rodriguez is a Los Angeles Police Department officer who was off-duty at the time of the alleged offenses, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors have recommended that the defendant’s bail be set at \$1.2 million. If convicted as charged, Rodriguez faces a maximum sentence of 30 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Robbery Homicide Division.

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